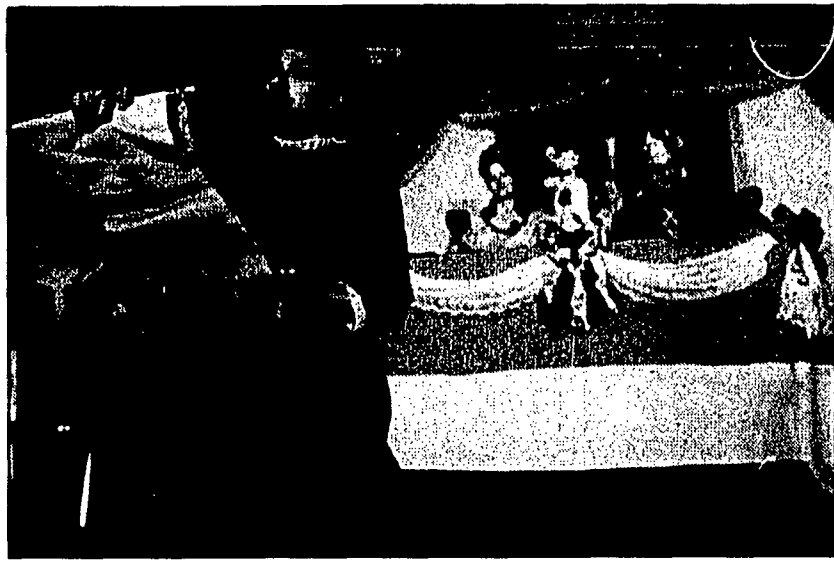


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MICHAEL PADDEN reads a scroll to the audience at the 32nd annual Yuletide Feaste held in the Union Ballroom. The show, which has sold more than 500 tickets, is held on Thursday and Friday night.

Feaste expects large crowd

By Ashley Bally
University News Editor

Northwest's department of music is hosting its 32nd annual Yuletide Feaste just in time for the holidays.

The Feaste is an opportunity for students, faculty and community members to gather and have dinner in a Renaissance setting.

"(The Feaste) is very festive," Brian Lanier, assistant professor of music and Madraliers director said. "Also, there are so many parents, families and friends of the students who attend the Feaste. It is a great time for students to

reunite with their families at the holiday season."

Many different artistic fields come together during the event, complete with full costumes for everyone involved and dancing and a variety of music.

The Northwest Madraliers, the Recorder Consort and the Royale Brass Quintet will provide the musical performances.

According to Lanier, the Feaste is an enormous undertaking. The singers begin rehearsing the music in August. The costumes then must be repaired, assigned and fitted.

"The students truly look forward to this event every year,"

Lanier said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their singing talents combined with acting in a Renaissance-like setting. The music is diverse, challenging, serious at times and very humorous as well."

Preparation also includes a menu consultation, sending out announcements for the event with a ticket order form to around 2,500 people, posters are printed and distributed around town and campus and sets and props are moved to the Union Ballroom to transform the space into a banquet hall from

see **FEASTE** on A10

Headed to the game?
Here's a few things you might want to know.

The day's schedule:

Noon: Tailgate party on Spirit Hill (located on the Northwest side of the Stadium)

3 p.m.: Kickoff at Braly Stadium in Florence, Ala. The game will be televised on ESPN.

Pregame: Turn to KXCV/KNRW ON 90.5 fm for a live show at 5:25 p.m. Friday from Florence.

Postgame: Celebration party at a location in Florence to be determined.

Expect some delays:

Instead of the usual three hour game, this one should last longer. First, the game is being televised which adds time to each timeout.

In addition, the game will feature instant replay. While Coach Tjeerdsma won't be able to throw out the red flag when he doesn't like a call, officials will be able to review calls.

Still looking for a room:

Everything in Florence is booked. Other towns in the area still have rooms available. Towns that fans may want to look at include Corinth, Miss., Muscle Shoals, Ala., or Jackson, Tenn.

Looking for tickets:

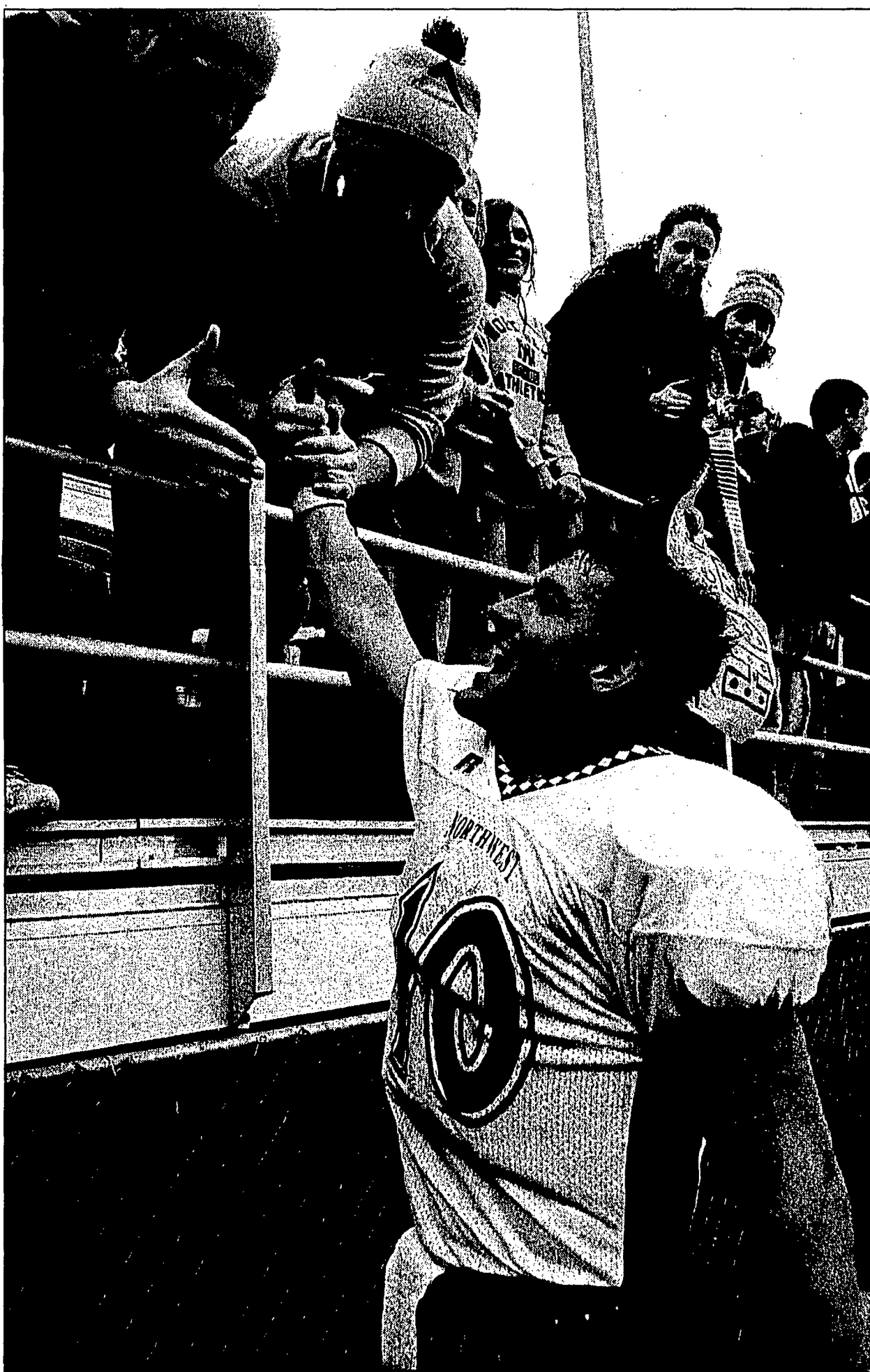
Tickets are available at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building. They can be contacted at 562-1212. Tickets will also be sold on site. They are being sold for \$20.



JOSH LAMBERSON is congratulated by fans at the end of the game against the UNA Lions. Lamberson threw for 311 yards and two touchdowns.

PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/PHOTO EDITOR

BOUND FOR 'BAMA....AGAIN



Beating the 'Holiday Blues'

By Ashley Bally
University News Editor

Having a "Holly Jolly Christmas" is not always an option for some people.

Holiday depression or "Holiday Blues" frequently strikes many adults and students during the season.

The condition may be brought on by a number of different reasons: stress, fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, financial constraints and the inability to be with one's family and friends, according to the National Mental Health Association.

According to a press release from St. Francis Mental Health Services, there are several tips to avoid and overcome the "Holiday Blues:

Participate when you can

If you're feeling blue, it's difficult to have much enthusiasm for social expectations such as gift-giving or party-going. Participating at a level that feels comfortable to you, but try not to isolate yourself entirely. A little participation might pick up your spirits.

Take care of yourself

Holiday media messages can be overwhelming at the height of the season. This might be a good time to spend evenings with a good book or quiet music instead of sending cards. By staying involved in some activity you might find your mood lifting a little.

Volunteer your time

There are many social service programs for people in need over the holidays. Taking time to participate, if only for a few hours, can be a good way out of the holiday doldrums and help bring season's greetings to others."

According to the National Mental Health Association, people who do not develop holiday depression may create other stress responses. These include headaches, excessive drinking, over-eating and find it difficult to sleep.

The holidays can be rough but with the proper behavior students and adults alike may combat the "Holiday Blues."

Check on line for more holiday multimedia coverage

Military officials trained on handling questions from media

By Dennis Sharkey
Chief Reporter

When you see a military operation on television you get the vibrant images of combat. You see explosions and hurt people being carted off.

What you don't see are the hours of planning behind the scenes that goes into those missions.

Officers from all branches of the military and even officers from different countries go to the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth to get this training.

Navy Lieutenant Commander Peter Fey is a student at the college. He said that in real world situations officers from all branches have to work together. He believes com-

mitting mistakes now will prevent mistakes later.

"It's a good experience because it gets everyone working together," Fey said. "We can work in an environment where we don't have to be concerned about whether or not people will be killed by our actions or mistakes. Hopefully we learn from our mistakes here and we can use it in the future."

Part of the exercise also shows the students how to deal with the media to convey information to the public without jeopardizing the mission.

In more recent years military leadership has recognized the importance of having a good relationship with the press.

Retired ABC News national security correspondent John

McWethy now works with the students at the school in dealing with the media by taking the students out of their comfort zone. He believes this is an essential part of the training.

"The military, especially the Army, needs better training on how to deal with journalist and why they must do it whether they like it or not," McWethy said. "I felt like it was important to help young officers better understand that a free press is an essential ingredient in the democracy they are pledged to defend."

He also said that winning the perception war is almost as important as winning on the battlefield.

Army Major David Meyer said it is good that he and the



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/PHOTO EDITOR

U.S. AIR FORCE Major Greenroad answers questions to the press while being recorded for later review. Major Greenroad was one of many majors that had to go through the same treatment in the final days of planning for Operation Caspian Guard.

Angel tree collects over 300 donations

This Christmas 125 people will receive gifts. The recipient's range from 6 months to 80 years old.

Fall trimester dance concert

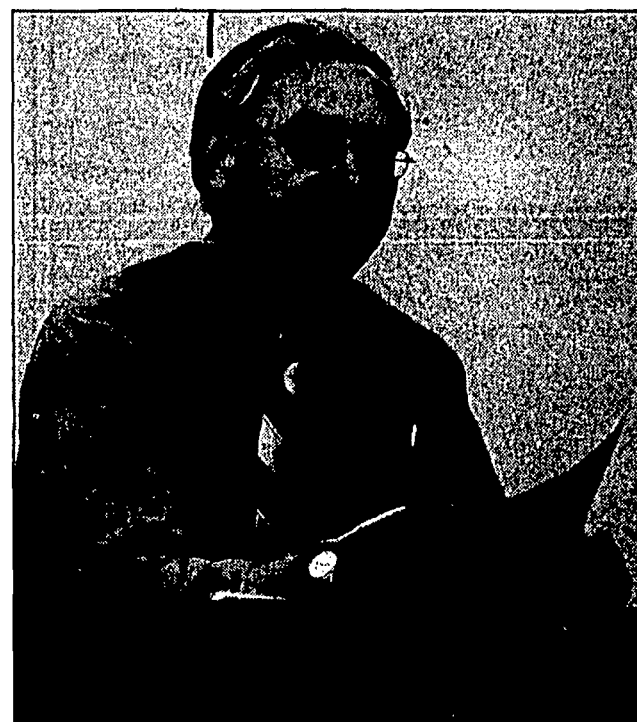
The recital will feature nine separate dancing segments with a variety of range and styles covering modern, lyrical and jazz.

By Jesse Murphy
Staff Reporter

But that's not what makes him a good teacher. A good teacher has to be ener-

"I spend long hours here," Shively said. "I'm available to students, and I

"I take pride in having energy and enthusiasm in the classroom," Shively said. "I think students get a little beat-down, and if I'm not energetic about teaching, it's hard for me to expect them to be energetic about



STEVE SHIVELY reviews an assignment with one of his English classes.

The message of excitement and passion for knowledge does get through to the students. The way Shively teaches his classes inspires his students to want to succeed. "He is very personable

and relates well to students," Kyle Seidl, one of Shively's advisees, said. "His classes are always lively and interesting. He has a great knack for understanding and building relationships with students, and that helps."

By Evan Young
Staff Writer

Members of ASL set up stations around the Union board-

The students also learned several Christmas carols. At the end of the workshop, the students rehearsed their carols again and gave a short performance in front of their parents.

"We want to take home a different view of the deaf community," she said. The majority of the ASL students at the workshop have taken or are currently taking the two sign language courses offered at Northwest.

In addition to sign language workshops, ASL participates in several activities throughout the year, including signing the National Anthem at Bearcat home football games and the Signing Choir, which signs songs at area churches.

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U.S. students behind

By Ben Koehn
Chief Reporter

Jenifer Harr spoke about the importance of K-12 education in a country that is in serious danger of falling behind other nations, both economically and technologically.

"We risk becoming complacent and unable to our obstacles if we become overconfident in our abilities," Harr said.

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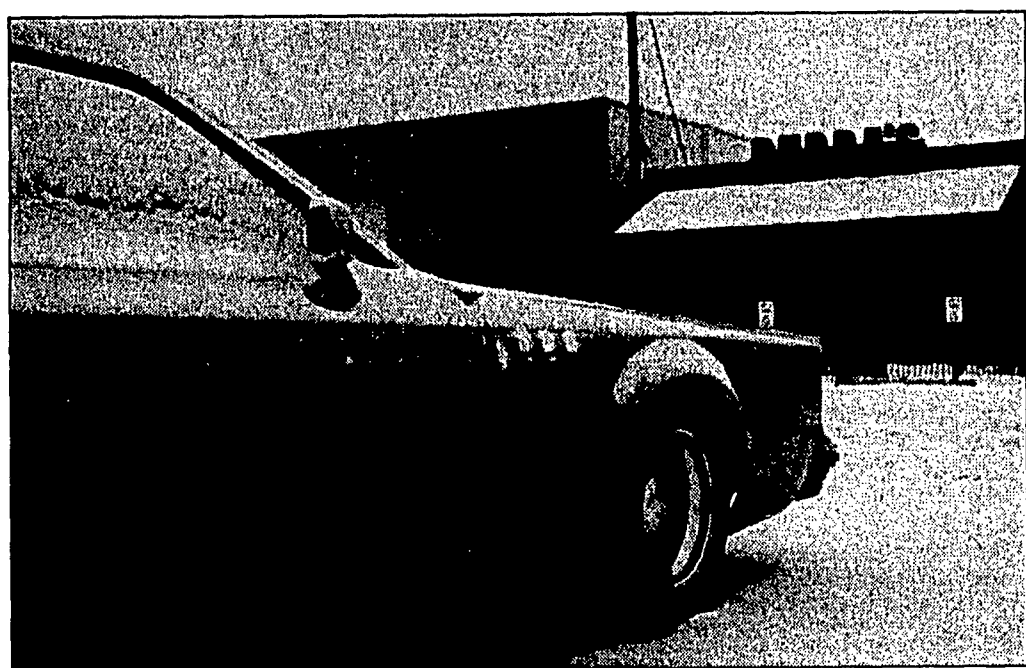
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BUBBA'S BBQ FIXINS' recently opened in Maryville. Open exclusively on the weekends, Bubba's boasts a 1,000-pound portable smoker.

Award winning barbecue arrives

By Domnick Hadley
Community Editor

It's two hours before closing and Diana Fick tries to wrap up another weekend at Maryville's newest restaurant, Bubba's BBQ Fixins'.

With Alan Jackson's "Too Much Of A Good Thing" blaring over the loud speakers—fighting against the aroma of barbecued pork and sweet smelling sauces—she greets a small group of customers making their way to handcrafted wooden bench in the corner of the mid-sized dining space.

"It's just a friendly atmosphere," Fick said. "People can come relax and have a good time."

Fick is one of four individuals who claim ownership of the restaurant, which opened its doors late in November.

The decision to open a restaurant in Maryville developed

nearly two years ago. Fick and her husband, Phillip—a.k.a. Bubba—were members of a championship barbecue team.

As members of the Kansas City Barbecue Society, the couple participated in host barbecue cooking contests in California, Texas, Las Vegas, Florida and Jamaica.

In addition to competing, the Ficks ran a catering company, which is where they met Northwest professor/businessman Brett Ware.

"We have a feel for barbecue," Fick said. "Bubba and I have been competing in competition for 10 years. We've done between 18 and 20 competitions in a year just starting out and we've participated in quite a few grand championships."

Every weekend she and her husband, Phillip, travel from their Kansas City home to

serve barbecue inside the cabin style restaurant on the edge of South Main.

The secret to their success, Fick said, is the down home feeling associated with their cooking style.

All of the restaurant's meat is slow cooked in a 1,000-pound portable smoker in a shack behind the restaurant. The meat is left cooking overnight or for six to eight hours—depending on the temperature.

"This is just down home barbecue," Fick said. "We take a lot of pride in our work and in our food. A guy told me the other day (our barbecue) makes 'me want to go home and put my car on blocks' and something else about his mobile home."

Currently, Bubba's only operates Friday through Sunday, but Fick said they hope to extend those hours in the future.

CITY BRIEFS

Basketball league taking applications

Maryville Parks and Recreation is accepting registration for its youth and adult basketball leagues through Dec. 16.

The youth leagues are open for boys and girls in grades 3-6.

Both registrations will be conducted at the Maryville Community Cen-

ter, 1407 N. Country Road.

Sheriff offers scholarship for criminal justice

Sheriff Ben Espey is announcing the availability of the John Dennis Scholarship, awarded by the Missouri Sheriff's Association.

The scholarship amounts to \$500, and will be presented to 16 college-bound Missouri high school seniors pursuing

a criminal justice career.

Applicants must be in good standing with his/her school, have good references from high school counselors, demonstrate financial need, a 2.0 grade point average and be active in extra-curricular activities.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the Missouri Sheriff's Association, 229 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Mo., 65101.

For more information call 573-635-5925 extension 10.

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County unveils new voting system

By Jessica Swartz
Staff Reporter

At two meetings open to the public Tuesday, County Clerk Beth Hann Walker and Harold Thompson, a representative of Sequoia Insight Precinct Counters, unveiled one of 22 new precinct counters to be used in Nodaway County.

During Tuesday's demonstration, Thompson and Walker illustrated the benefits of the machine for a crowd of students and residents at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Nodaway County is only one of several counties in the state to purchase new ballot boxes. The new ballot boxes will replace the county's old ballot system, which required feeding the ballots each election night into a counter by hand.

This process took several hours, at best. The new ballot counters count each ballot as they go along.

The change came about through a recently adopted

federal mandate. The mandate, titled the Help America Vote Act of 2002, promotes an efficient, error-free election process.

According to Walker, the purpose of the Sequoia Insight Precinct Counters is to ensure what she refers to as second chance voting.

"The federal government and the state of Missouri want voters to have second chance voting," Walker said. "If a voter voted improperly, (they) wouldn't know. Now when a ballot is inserted, it will be immediately counted and checked for correctness."

Another difference in voting lies in the size of the ballot.

"(The ballot) will save people money as it will now print out just what is needed," Walker said. "If there's only one issue, it will be a very small ballot. In a presidential election, the ballot will be larger."

The cost of the 22 counters totaled \$121,000. The federal government plans to reimburse the county.

Each precinct of the county receives a counter. This includes six machines for the city of Maryville.

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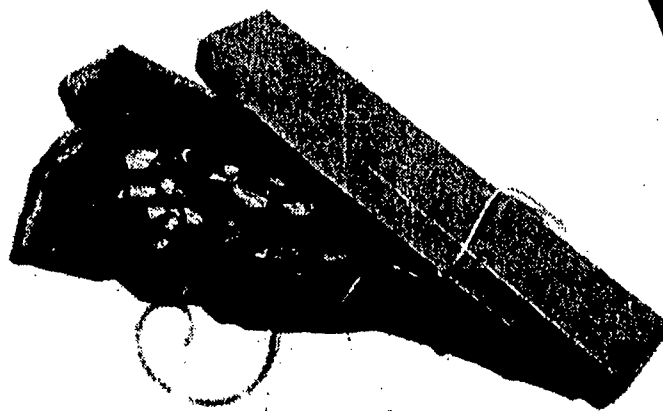
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OURVIEW

'Happy Holidays,' 'Merry Christmas' up for debate

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The rising issue over the word "Christmas" and its use in American society has led to a divided nation. Do we say "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays" or "Season's Greetings?" As we as a society move toward a more "politically correct" nation, it seems to many that we are honoring the minority religious groups in America and angering the majority religious group—Christians.

In this day and age, people, businesses and corporations are using the term "Christmas" less and less for fear of stepping on another's toes. As a CNN, USA Today and Gallup poll suggest, 44 percent of Americans said the trend toward "Happy Holidays" is for the better, while 43 percent of Americans said it was not.

This is direct proof that our nation is divided equally on this issue.

Corporations such as Macy's and Wal-Mart are even split on the issue. Wal-Mart ceases to use the term

"Christmas" in their ad campaigns or store signage and Macy's has vowed to use the term more each year.

Sure, coining and using the term "Happy Holidays" and "Season's Greetings" in our society is all-encompassing, welcoming all religions, races and backgrounds to partake in the winter season festivities. But should we downplay a majority holiday?

With more than 70 percent of our population being Christian, according to nationmaster.com, are

we doing the right thing? Businesses want just that—business and money. By not stepping on the toes of another they assume more business, but the religious statistics in our society tell a different story.

We are living in a lawsuit-happy society...what's next? We've already banned prayer in public schools, the use of "Christmas" in almost any aspect has been taken away from the chalkboard and the only religious groups discussed in class nowadays are the minority religions.

As our country looks to be one of the most politically-correct, well-cultured societies, we're losing sight of some of the ideals and principles our nation was founded on.

The issue over the word "Christmas" and "holidays" should clearly be left up to the people. If an individual or business wants to say "Merry Christmas," people should think nothing of it—it's their choice. The same goes for those who say "Happy Holidays."

As a true "cultured society," we the people should

respect everyone's beliefs, as the definition of the word suggests. According to dictionary.com, cultured or culture is "the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought."

So, you make your own decision, come to your own conclusion—this is a democracy.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Season's Greetings.

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Don't take family for granted this holiday

"Stephy and Sam, I need you to do me a favor. Will you please pick out the five things you want the most? Mommy doesn't have a lot of money this year."

Most Christmases come and go in a haze of presents, chili and card games, but that Christmas will forever remind me of what the holiday is truly about.

Northwest's Panhellenic Council recently organized an Angel Tree so students could help brighten someone's holiday by purchasing an item on needy residents' wish lists. As I filled my gift bag with item after item for my 10-year-

Faith Defined



Stephanie Stangl
Managing Editor

old girl who liked "finger nail items and the color pink" I couldn't help but get a bit emotional. With every beep on the scanner at the cash register I smiled for I truly knew how much she would appreciate it. I knew how much someone even spending \$15 on her would mean.

So many times we don't stop and really evaluate what Christmas means. We get so caught up in how much we need to spend and how much people spend on us that we don't take the time to bask in the family, laughter and love that surrounds us. We forget

that the holiday is about giving as well as receiving.

The importance of family and the holidays truly came into perspective Thanksgiving this year. My parents recently moved to Dallas, leaving me with nowhere to turn for the laughter and love. Constantly I heard people complain of "having" to venture home to see their parents and their icky Aunt Mildred.

I wanted to shake them for taking for granted what I had for so many years. We might not have always had money, but at least I had Canasta and chili to look forward to. This year I traveled to see my sister, Sam, eating a Thanksgiving buffet and wishing I had a mom and aunt to cook a huge meal with.

Christmas holds a differ-

ent meaning for me than most. When we sit in our circle at my immediate family Christmas I wait in anticipation for everyone to open their presents I spent so much time picking out and disregard my own.

I would much rather see my sister tear up over her favorite movie from her childhood that I scoured eBay for or my mom bawl over the CD I made her with the piece of paper describing why all the songs remind me of her and me.

So, I guess the point of all of this is to encourage you to lend a heart this Christmas and don't take your family for granted. Adopt a family or a child, give to Toys for Tots or a local food pantry and smile when Aunt Mildred sloppily kisses you on the cheek.

As the fall semester comes to a close, so ends another chapter of *The Northwest Missourian*.

For the past four months, I've dedicated almost every fiber of my being into cranking out news for what I consider the *New York Times* of northwest Missouri.

I entered into my position as community editor with a sort of blind ambition—the kind of ambition that can either leave you totally discombobulated, praying every night for the pain to end, or that leads you to some sort of divine enlightenment. Fortunately, I've experienced a mixture of both, and still standing to bare witness.

First and foremost, I've learned that journalism can be extremely fun. For all of the non-journalists out there who believe reporters are boring, blood-sucking creatures who thrive on turmoil, I'm here to confess the stereotypes are partially untrue—at least at *The Missourian*.

In my short time at the paper, I've learned how to chew tobacco in your eye (oh, yes, there's more than one way to satisfy that nicotine fix), how to improve my vocabulary with a variety of catchy colloquial phrases and witty expletives.

On a more serious note, I've learned the true meaning of teamwork and what it means to contribute to a cause larger than yourself. In essence, journalism is similar to a jig-

My Call



Domnick Hadley
Community Editor

saw puzzle. Each component is necessary to produce a finished product.

The metaphor definitely rings true at *The Northwest Missourian*. Each member of our staff plays a pivotal role in producing a finished product for our faithful readers. We have editors who go out and hunt for the news;

practicum students who travel through the muck and mire of Maryville to report the news; designers who make sure the information is presentable and appealing to the eye; copy editors who bravely scour through our error prone masterpieces; chief/senior correspondents who take on assignments, most of them last minute; photographers who capture the wonders of Maryville; advertising reps and a general manager to keep the cash flowing in; and last, but not least, an advisor who lets us know when we've screwed up and when we've achieved.

Day in and day out, our staff is knee deep in the trenches of Wells Hall—up to our elbows in newspapers, chewing tobacco, taco wrappers and reader complaints—with our noses to the grindstone. Of course we have our typical ego clashes and mental breakdowns. But we endure and return each week begging for more. We experience our fair share of successes and failure and we do it as a team—a dysfunctional team, but a team none the least.

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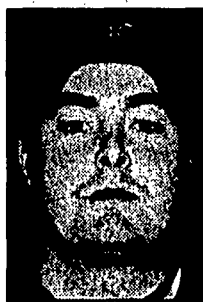
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He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and joins one sister Taylor Carin.

His grandparents are Sandra Bomar, Maryville, Bobby Bomar, Guilford, Mo., the late Bryan Kicksey, Ill., and Barbar Rivers, Cameron, Mo.

Cameron Lee Aley

Ashley Nicole Aley and Jimmy Lee Dreher are the parents of Cameron Lee Aley born Nov. 15, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces.

His grandparents are Wanda and Matt Clements, Pickering, Mo.

Jacob William Seelow

Laremy and Lynn Seelow, Burlington Junction, Mo., are the parents of Jacob William Seelow born Nov. 17, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and joins one sister, Lauren.

His grandparents are Isaac and Anita Prieto, Columbia, Mo., Alvin and Nancy Seelow, Williamsburg, Mo.,

His great grandparents are Edwin and Dolfine Korff, Fulton, Mo., Ernesto and Elisa Prieto, Mesilla, NM, Floyd Seelow, Perry, Mo., and Elaine Keith, Milne, Ill.

Kevin Jack Maupin

Natisha and Alex Maupin, Skidmore, Mo., are the parents of Kevin Jack Maupin born Nov. 19, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds 6

ounces and joins two siblings, Alessandra Shayanne Ebrecht Maupin and Kade Alexander Maupin.

His grandparents are Lavelle and Sharon Brown, Ravenwood, Mo., Mary and the late Jack Maupin, Skidmore, Mo.

His great grandparents are Harold and Olive Brown, Ravenwood, Mo., and Gladys Flora, Savannah, Mo.

Kenton Douglas Ferguson

Shelina Ferguson, Maryville, is the parent of Kenton Douglas Ferguson born Nov. 18, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces.

Sydney Marie Sanders

Erin and Paul Sanders, Maryville, are the parents of Sydney Marie Sanders, born Nov. 17, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and joins one brother Lucas Sanders.

Her grandparents are Richard Gray, Overland Park, Kan., Pamela Collins, Raytown, Mo., and Maurice and Sue Sanders, Maryville.

Jaxson Allen Hull

Toni Hull and Trey Harman, Blockton, Iowa, are the parents of Jaxson Allen Hull, born Nov. 21, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and joins one sister, Paige Hardman.

His grandparents are Sue and the late Allen Hull, Blockton, Iowa, and Paul and Luge Hardman, Waynesville, Mo.

Saryn Dale Brown

Samantha and Steven Brown, Hopkins, Mo., are the parents of Saryn Dale Brown,

born Nov. 23, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and joins one sister, Saylor Brown.

Her grandparents are Kevin Fletchall, Grant City, Mo., Jo Gay, St. Joseph, Mo., and Marvin and Frances Brown, Hopkins, Mo.

Her great grandparents are Paul and Venite Jennings, Julia Gay, and Allen Fletchall, all of Grant City, Mo.

Isaac Andrew Portwood

Charity and Tim Portwood, Albany, Mo., are the parents of Isaac Andrew Portwood, born Dec. 1, 2005 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, Mo.

He weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

His grandparents are Boyd and Naomi Christiansen, Mukwonago, Wis., and R. Tim and Roxanne Portwood, Renneslaer, Ind.

His great grandparents are Dean and Elaine Christiansen, Ogden, Utah, and Rowland and Bonnie Portwood, Queen City, Mo.

Presley Frances Ingram

Shannon and Travis Ingram are the parents of Presley Frances Ingram, born Nov. 29, 2005, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and joins two sisters, Stephanie and Shanna.

Her grandparents are Diana Stobaugh and Ed Mitchell and Randall and Gail Ingram.

Her great grandparents are Carl and Viola Mason, Donna and the late Bill Mitchell, Frances and the late Eugene Espey, and the late Earl and Mary Ingram.

Courtney Nicole Johns

Roberta and David Johns, Cosby, Mo., are the parents of Courtney Nicole Johns, born Dec. 1, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and joins two siblings, Chelsey and Blair.

Her grandparents are Ronald and Betty Wood, Savannah, Mo., and Lester and Theresa Johns, Bethany, Mo.

Her great grandparents are Virgil and Helen Stevens, Cainsville, Mo.

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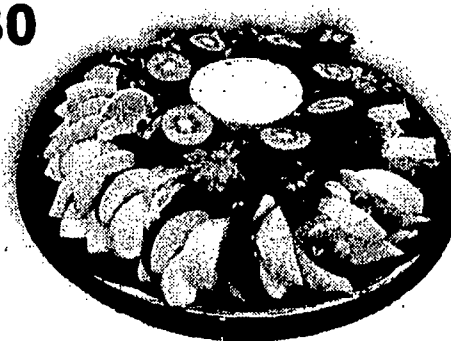
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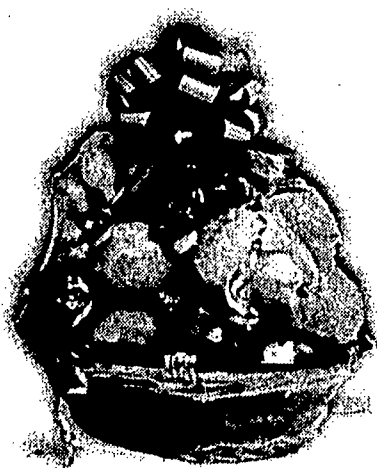
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A Traditional Education

By Kristine Hotop
Features Editor

Every tooth in the zipper is intact; each thread connecting the purple panels

remains the original.

The purple Jansport backpack accompanied Sherlynn Shadduck through her five years at Northwest. As it preserves, so does Shadduck.

Shadduck, 51, is a non-traditional student at Northwest, majoring in Social Foundation.

In 2001, Shadduck enrolled at Northwest, alongside another non-traditional

student. Shadduck battled out her first semester of college, the other didn't last. Now, four years later, Shadduck is preparing to make the long-awaited walk and start the life she 'didn't think she could ever have'.

Currently, Shadduck works 25-hour weeks on private duty for Sisters of St. Mary, juggling Northwest classes along with a full-time parenting job.

"She has always been very focused on school, and when she struggles with school I think it bothered her more than other students," Reference Specialist Patricia Wyatt said. "It's taken a lot of tenacity for her to stick through with it."

Wyatt worked with Shadduck as the advisor for non-traditional students. Being one herself during school, Wyatt can relate.

"I always admire non-traditional students since I was one," Wyatt said. "It is definitely a different life when you are a non-trad; it all depends on how the family life is at home and when the student was growing up."

Throughout high school, Shadduck helped care for her ill parents. Her mother died of cancer at 54, her father of a stroke shortly thereafter. With the lack of incoming finances, furthering her education was put on hold.

"There was nothing to go to college with," Shadduck said. "I got to go to Iowa Western in Clarinda, Iowa, for one semester and then I dropped. We had no money, I couldn't go."

Since taking care of her family topped her list as



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / PHOTO EDITOR

SHERLYNN SHADDUCK, a non-traditional student at Northwest, walks to class wearing the same backpack for the last five years. Shadduck plans to graduate in December.

a main priority during high school years, her social life suffered. Her lack of socialization continuously stuck out in her desire to return to school.

"I always wanted to come to college, and I think one of the main things was my dad having a stroke, I was always home with him or taking care of my mom," Shadduck said. "So, to me it's a Rodney Dangerfield type of thing where you get to come back and be a teenager again."

Sometimes, seeing an older face around campus draws stares and comments, but Shadduck never feels out of place. Her arm is constantly poised, ready to wave at a passer-by because most likely she already knows who they are. Shadduck's quirky and upbeat attitude allows her to connect with students on a more personal level.

"I've never, ever been treated poorly since I've been here, by the younger generation, which I think is really great," she said. "I know a lot of faces, and they know me; they've always been really gracious, polite and have blended really well."

Shadduck welcomes students over to her house and even welcomes foreign students to get a feel of her American life. Involved in many teamwork and group projects, Shadduck had many opportunities to bond with fellow students and feels that will be one of the things missed the most.

During Shadduck's rough divorce, her attorney at the time kept her sane, but what she really owes to him is his persistence in Shadduck's return to school.

"He's the one who encouraged me to go back to school because there is always room for improvement in your life," she said. "He will always stick with me because if it weren't for him, I would have never attempted this, but he kept pushing me and telling me he knew I could do it."

The constant reminder of her attorney's words radiated from Shadduck's two children at home, Joshua, 15, and Jacob, 12. After a stressful and hectic day on campus, Shadduck remembers coming home and crying. She felt embarrassed asking the talent development center for help and had to learn to balance time between work, school and kids.

"I couldn't believe I had to ask for help," Shadduck said. "I have a 12 year-old son at home figuring out math problems by himself, and I had to go ask kids for help. But, I encourage all kids to go; don't wait until the last minute like I did first semester."

All in all, Shadduck is glad to finally graduate, her GPA never dropping below a 3.27. Yet, her accomplishments are judged in far more than grades and numbers.

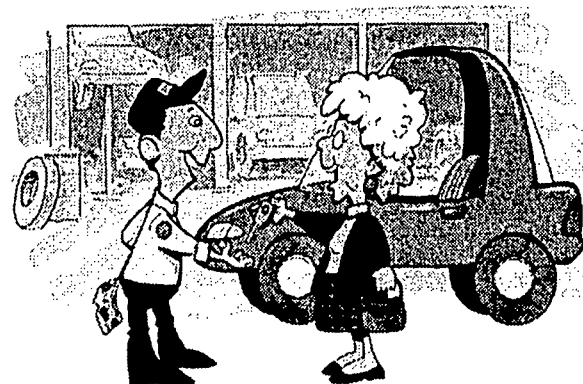
The purple Jansport will retire to the dark corners of a hallway closet, the school bills will slowly diminish and new parking pass stickers will hide the Northwest one.

"Fortunately, she has family behind her, and children that understand what she's doing," Wyatt said. "She has given everything she's got to better herself and her boys."

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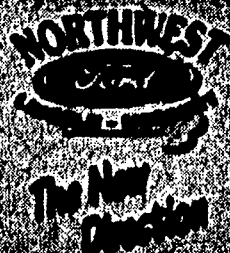
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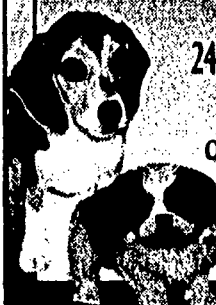
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Your Man weary of casual fans

As I watched the final seconds tick away during Northwest's 25-24 upset over the University of North Alabama, I could only say one thing.

"I'm going to have to listen to that stupid Lynyrd Skynyrd song for another \$ing week."

I wasn't ready for that hell. I wasn't ready for repeated references to songs about Alabama, bands called Alabama, or Aladdin—which if you're drunk enough when you say it, sounds like "Alabama."



The Stroller

and I believe they will—then there will be more people on the Bearcat Bandwagon than there were in the lifeboats of the Titanic. Only this time, the Unsinkable Molly Brown is going to be replaced by Tootie, the-girl-so-drunk-she-thinks-a-fly-pattern-is-a-style-of-pants.

I feel bad for all the busted-up and emotionally drained players that will have to listen to the bragging

by the "12th man."

Cheering helps, but there's a reason you never hear Chris Bermann say, "QB Tom Brady was 13 of 27 passing for 189 yards and cheerleader Dave Pekaro had only two drops for the day in 22 attempts."

Fans who have never touched a football in their lives will charge the field screaming, "We won! We won! Can you believe I made that third down conversion from 15 yards out after the play broke? Charlie, dude, way to block that extra-point kick from the concession stands! You are a true MVP!"

And heading this blitzing barrage of bandwagon

jumpers will no doubt be the centennial committee. Why did Northwest win? Because it's the Centennial year! Everybody knows that the number 100 is magical. It was destiny!

Don't you notice how the luck of the Bearcats suddenly changed after that moving display of school spirit by the Centennial committee at the Centennial game?

I mean, we might as well say it was the Centennial Garden that blessed the Bearcat football team, cuz that's the only rational excuse I can think of for how the hell the 'Cats got this far.

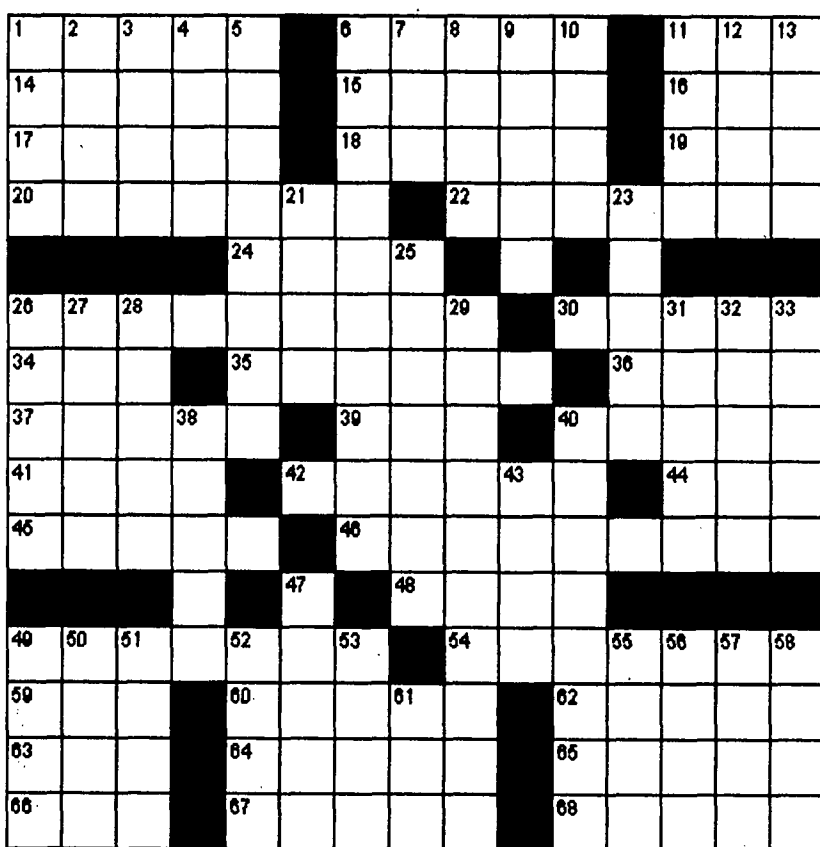
Yeah, they're talented, but come on, LAST YEAR was supposed to be our year.

Years from now everybody will talk about how before every game of "The Season" Josh Lamberson sat down and ate breakfast with the statue behind the Union, going over the day's game plan and how Mel Tjeerdsmas promised a bedridden 10-year-old boy with FSPD (four-sided poop disorder) that the Bearcats would indeed win that championship game.

So Bearcats—players and fans alike—I wish you luck. This is your chance to make history and then recreate it with your imagination in the

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3. Speck
4. Film
5. Catches up
6. Laxative (5,5)
7. Large boat
8. Fit
9. Sumerian air god
10. Trade
11. Land mass
12. Decorative loop of braid
13. Projecting point
21. Large plant
23. Spear
25. De-icing tool
26. Stopped dead
27. Roundish divisions
28. Sub (1-4)
29. Booking

Across

1. Distance
6. Alleviates
11. Rearwards
14. Old tongue
15. Crop
16. Indian title
17. Smooths out
18. Expertise
19. Particle
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26. Glow
30. Unsound
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35. Determines
36. Galilean town
37. Wind instruments
39. Insulate
40. Child, pre-birth
41. Keeness
42. Minnesota city (2,4)
44. Wag
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48. Regiment
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60. Coarse
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63. Hideaway
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65. Wipe off
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67. Hurdle
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32. Eskimo
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38. Lament
40. John Gould ———, US poet
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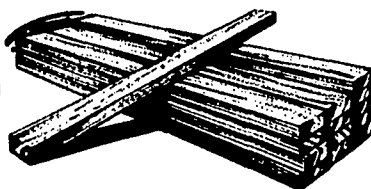
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Men drop match with No. 12 team in nation

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Northern State's Aaron Busack used his 6'7," 245 pound frame to his advantage Sunday against the Northwest Missouri State men's basketball team.

Though Busack shot only 4-of-7 from the field, he grabbed seven rebounds and went to the free throw line often as he made 11-of-12 attempts from the line. Busack led the Lions with 19 points and visiting No. 12 Northern State (S.D.) (8-0) defeated Northwest (6-2) 79-69 Sunday at Bearcat Arena.

"He got to the line, he passed out of it real well," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We knew they ran a lot of things through their pot... I thought we had some guys battling in there but when it went in there they made us pay."

Seven hundred fifty fans witnessed Northwest's first non-conference loss at home since 1996. It snapped a 47-game streak.

"It's a big wake up factor, a real good team came in here and beat us at home and that's not a good feeling," Xavier Gaines, who led Northwest with 15 points, said.

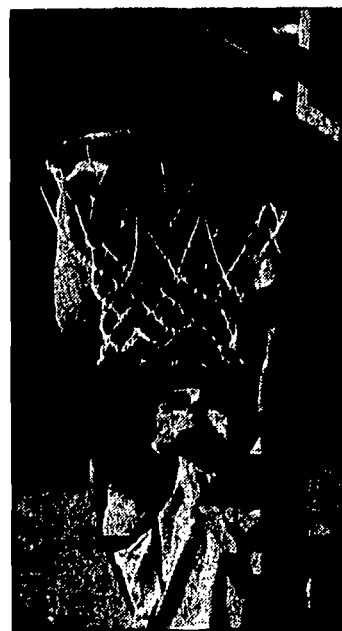
Northern State used an 11-2 run to begin the game and never trailed. Northwest closed the game to three at the end of the first half but Bjorn Schoo tipped in a missed shot with six seconds left to give Northern State a 37-32 half-time lead.

Gaines got Northwest within five points after a three-point shot with 12 minutes left. Northern State then went on another 11-2 run, that included two three-pointers by Craig Nelson and five free throws by Busack, to go ahead 65-51.

"Sometimes you make a big shot or you get lucky, or somebody makes a mistake," Northern State coach Don Meyer said. "(Northwest) missed about three layups in a row down there on the other end in the second half that were really crucial. They looked they were in and then they came out that was a big factor, too."

Northwest was out-rebounded 44 to 29 in the game and only shot 37 percent from the field while Northern State shot 45 percent.

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ANDY PETERSON dunks against Northern State Sunday afternoon. The 'Cats dropped a 79-69 decision. The loss snapped a 47-game home winning streak in the non-conference season.

Northwest 25, North Alabama 24



KYLE KAISER (left) celebrates a safety in the fourth quarter against North Alabama. Kaiser's safety helped pull the game to within five points and an eventual comeback win. Up next for Northwest is Grand Valley State.

DIXIELAND DELIGHT

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

FLORENCE, Ala.—The north end zone at Braly Municipal Stadium has been good to Mel Tjeerdsma.

The Northwest football coach had successful journeys to it during the 1998 and 1999 National Championship seasons and Saturday's Division II semifinal game against North Alabama was no different.

Trailing by five points with 23 seconds left, quarterback Josh Lamberson floated a pass from the North Alabama three-yard line. Just as it looked like it would go too far, redshirt freshman Raphael Robinson pulled down the pass over North Alabama's cornerback, got one foot down and held on for the touchdown.

"I didn't think (Lamberson) was going to throw me the ball," Robinson said. "He never throws me the ball. I was shocked the ball was coming toward me."

That same end zone was where Travis Miles connected with Ryan George six years ago in the National Championship game for a two-point conversion. The conversion led to overtime and eventually led to a four overtime National Championship 58-52 victory for the 'Cats.

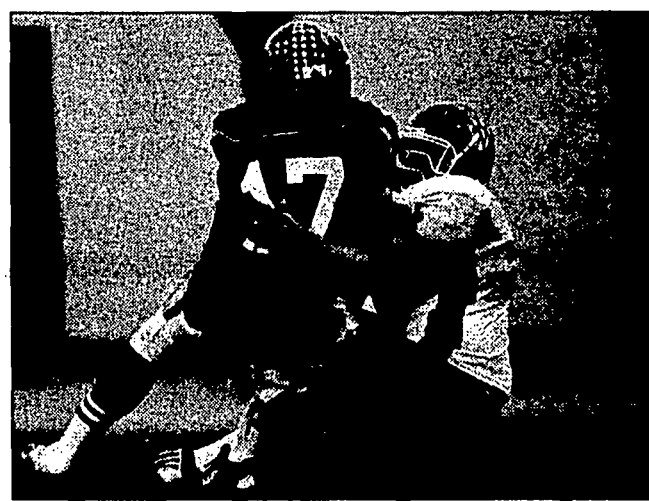
"I guess the magic is still here in that end zone for us," Tjeerdsma said. "We've had some great catches down there, and we had another one today thanks to Raphael and a great pass from Josh."

It put the 'Cats up by one and after a failed two-point conversion they took a 25-24 lead. North Alabama received the ball with 18 seconds left at its own 47-yard line after the kickoff. The result was an incomplete pass two plays later. Northwest held on to advance to its first National Championship game since 1999.

Three minutes earlier it looked like the 'Cats were all but done. Northwest had the ball and was driving into North Alabama territory. Then Lamberson threw the ball into triple coverage in the end zone and had it picked off by Blake Harris, the same cornerback who later had the game-winning touchdown thrown over him.

North Alabama then earned just one yard in the next two plays to set up a third and nine situation. On the next play the Lions Chip Long snagged a catch near the first down marker but Quentin Womack kept him from getting the first down.

With 1:59 left in the game and on its own 29-yard line



KYLE KAISER pulls down North Alabama quarterback Vinnie Saylor for one of the Bearcats two sacks. Kaiser picked up a safety on the play.

with a fourth and one situation coming up, North Alabama was forced to make a decision. They could either go for the first down or punt to the 'Cats, who had been struggling to move the ball. After trying to get Northwest to jump offside, North Alabama punted.

"I figured to go with the odds. Our defense was playing great and Northwest had no timeouts left," North Alabama coach Mark Hudspeth said about his decision to punt.

Northwest started at the North Alabama 49. The 'Cats moved the ball down the field fairly quickly. Lamberson hooked up with wide receiver Andre Rector who got the 'Cats to the three. It appeared he had reached the end zone but the official said he stepped out of bounds at the three. The play set up the game winning touchdown.

"Overall, when we had to get it done, we got it done," Tjeerdsma said.

Northwest, who trailed 3-0 at halftime, got on the board four minutes into the third quarter when Rector caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Lamberson. It was the exact same play that the 'Cats ran on the game winning touchdown. A drive later, Northwest started with the

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Holmes a compass for good backs

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Want a great running back?

Just put Priest Holmes on your roster and sit back and wait. Great ones follow Holmes everywhere he goes.

He was an established collegiate star at Texas when a future Heisman Trophy winner named Ricky Williams showed up and stole the spotlight.

A few years later at Baltimore, after Holmes had put together a 1,000-yard season and been declared a top-flight NFL back, the Ravens drafted Jamal Lewis. Quickly beating Holmes out of his job, Lewis zoomed to stardom and led the league one season with a whopping 2,066 yards.

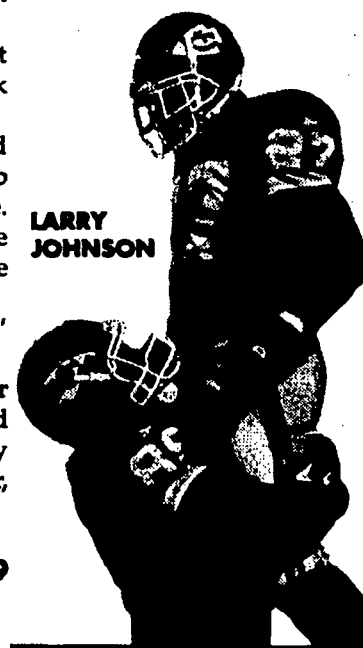
So Holmes again went looking for a home. He found one in Kansas City and wound up scoring an NFL-record 27 touchdowns in 2003.

But something else also happened that year. The Chiefs drafted running back Larry Johnson in the first round.

Since Holmes went out for the year with head and neck trauma, Johnson has rushed for more than 100 yards five straight weeks and helped propel Kansas City (8-4) into the playoff chase.

The past three games, starting with a team-record 211-yard effort at Houston, Johnson has amassed 470 yards. After spending the first half the season sharing carries with Holmes, the hard-running, 230-pounder has rocketed to sixth among the league's top rushers with 1,108 yards. His per-carry average of 5 yards is exceeded by only one member of the top 20 rushers.

With a tough and angry running style that seems to reflect his personality, the muscular and heavily tattooed Penn State product has led the NFL since Nov. 1, with 709 yards.



Check out section B for in-depth coverage on the national championship and a look at both teams.

Women pick up 'sloppy' win against William Jewell Monday night

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

The look on the faces of the visiting William Jewell Cardinals said everything.

The Cardinals walked off the floor at the end of the first half of basketball Monday night at Bearcat Arena looking dazed and confused.

The Northwest women's basketball team used a 46-29 halftime lead to pave the road to an 84-69 victory.

"It was kind of a sloppy game, but they played hard," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "In the second half we broke the press better and got more scoring. It was a win and I never complain about a win."

The win came at a crucial time. Monday represented the last chance for the 'Cats to get a win before the end of the first semester. The 'Cats lost the two games leading up to William Jewell. Losing in overtime to Concordia-St. Paul 86-88 and dropping a close game to Division I UMKC 73-76.

"We really needed to get back on track," Steinmeyer said. "I didn't care if it was a 1-point win, a 15-point win, or a 30-point win it goes in the left hand column."

With 54 turnovers between the two teams no possession seemed to be a sure basket and even though the 'Cats grabbed the win they are very aware that there

is still a bunch of work to be done.

"It was a little sloppy. I think we all could have done a little better and kept it a little cleaner," senior Meghan Blay said. "It's funny we went in after the game and you wouldn't even know we had just won a game. We got away with this one, but that's not how we need to be playing."

Blay ended the night with 10 points and two steals. The leading scorer for the 'Cats was senior Laura Friedrich who dropped in 19 points and grabbed six rebounds marking her first big night since returning from a back injury she sustained in a game earlier this season.

"It felt really good, I was

real excited to play here at home," Friedrich said. "It was fun to put on a white jersey and play in Bearcat Arena."

While the game may not have been close Steinmeyer says that it proved very valuable in getting to see what some of the players can do coming in off the bench.

"I've been dying to get some kids some minutes," he said. "In practice our second team beats or first team on a regular basis and you always question what individual caused that. You want to get them some meaningful minutes on the floor and tonight we were able to get everyone some time and we'll be able to evaluate from that."

The 'Cats will have 11

days before they meet their next opponent, taking all of next week off to prepare and take final exams. Their first game back will be Dec. 16 at Upper Iowa and from there they will travel to Hawaii to participate in the Hoop 'N Surf Classic starting with a game against Northeastern State (Okla.) on Dec. 20.

"Coming off of finals is always the toughest thing to do," Steinmeyer said. "Everyone is done with finals on Thursday so we'll have a couple good days of practice in there and we'll get after Upper Iowa. It's not going to be easy in Hawaii either. The two teams we're playing combined for 52 wins last year."

COMEBACK: Bearcats snag win from Lions in emotional National Semifinals

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ball at its 20-yard line. On the first play Lamberson was rushed on his right side and hit by a Lions defender. Lamberson fumbled the ball and it was run in for a touchdown.

Two plays later running back Xavier Omon responded. Omon broke off one tackle then rushed 67 yards for a touchdown.

After another North Alabama drive was halted, Northwest got the ball back with another four-point lead. Lamberson once again threw an interception. It resulted in a Lions touchdown to give them a three-point lead. After only three points in two quarters, the teams combined for 28 points in the third.

The 'Cats tied the game with a field goal in the fourth quarter. About five minutes into the quarter, Mitch Herring was called on to punt. It was Herring's first collegiate game as a punter and he had already had to deal with a high snap earlier in the game. However, Herring had been able to get off a punt of 57 yards and avoid danger. When Herring got the snap this time, though, he started to run. Then Her-

ring stopped right in front of one of his blockers and a North Alabama defender.

He decided to punt the ball and kicked it right into the defender's back. It was recovered by North Alabama at its own 43-yard line. They then went down the field and scored. They took a seven-point lead with 8:50 left.

After Northwest did nothing on its next drive they were forced to punt again. This time, though, Herring got off the punt and kicked it 57 yards to the North Alabama six. On the very first play of the drive, defensive tackle Kyle Kaiser sacked quarterback Vinnie Saylor in the end zone for a safety. It was Northwest's first sack of the game. Though Northwest didn't score on the next drive, it helped spark the Northwest comeback.

"He was throwing it so quick and they had a game plan for us and they did a real good job with it," defensive end Dave Tollefson said. "They got rid of the ball quick and he moved decently for a bigger guy. We got to him when it mattered, I guess, right?"

Lamberson finished with

245 yards on 25-of-40 passing with two interceptions and a fumble. Omon rushed for 101 yards and broke the school's single season rushing record. Rector had eight catches for 108 yards and broke the school's single season record for both receptions and receiving yards.

On defense, Kaiser and Tollefson both finished the game with a sack. Cornerback Diezas Calbert also intercepted a pass.

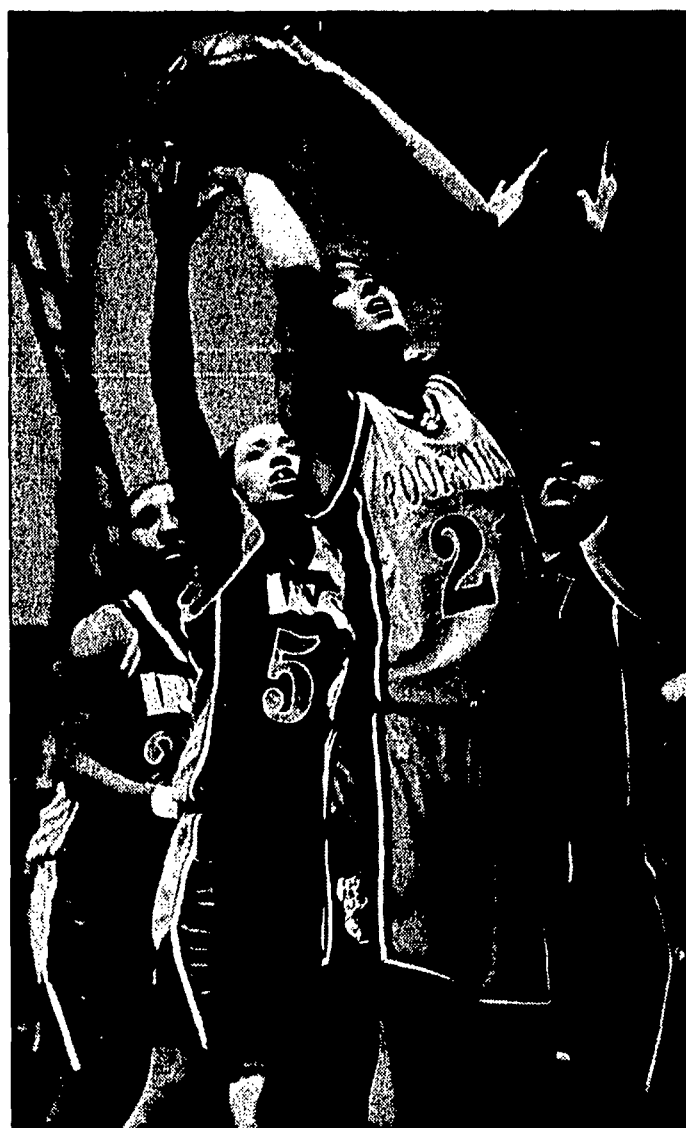
With the win, Northwest becomes the first team in Division II history to ever win four consecutive road playoff games.

Northwest (11-3) will now advance to play Grand Valley State (12-0) in the National Championship game at 3 p.m. Saturday at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence. The game will be televised on ESPN.

For a team that seemed all but dead just over a month ago after a 56-35 setback to conference rival Pittsburg State, the team is rejuvenated and excited about their chances.

"We're going to be back," Tollefson said. "We'll be back and it's our home away from home, so we're going to try to make it comfortable."

Game stories, updates, recaps, and players' and coaches' quotes can be found immediately after the National Championship game on nwmissourianews.com



MARYVILLE'S JACLYN GUESS shoots in front of Lafayette Fighting Irish defenders. The 'Hounds dropped the game to the Irish, but turned things around Monday with a 42-38 win over South Harrison.

'Hounds grab first win of the season over Bulldogs

By Cali Arnold
Staff writer

Maryville Spoofhound girls' basketball fans can now relax-the first win of the season is in the books.

With a combined total of four seniors on both team's rosters, it was a battle of the young and inexperienced Monday night as Maryville took on South Harrison. The 'Hounds came out on top 42-38.

Maryville had the game under control after a quarter and a half of play. The Bulldogs were unable to score in the second quarter until Sarah Beck made two free throws at the 6:30 mark. Costly turnovers by Maryville helped South Harrison pull to within six points at the half, 22-16.

"If you get them to play harder then usually the turnovers and that sort of thing just start to minimize...so that's what we focus on (at halftime)," Maryville coach Adam Willard said.

The 'Hounds started the second half with three steals in four Bulldog possessions. This led to six unanswered points, four of which came from senior Kim Wolfer.

"It's nice whenever our outside shooters are hitting their outside shots and they (South Harrison) have to go out and get them and I'm more open. It's nice when everyone's working together," Wolfer said.

Not only was the offense

running smoothly, but the defense on the South Harrison guards impressed the Maryville coach as well.

"First off we put Genesee Stoll, our point guard, on number 13 (Kelsey Butler) to guard her a little full court and get her out of the game," Willard said. "Then they started posting her up a little bit so we put Kim (Wolfer) on number 13 (Butler) and even though she had to guard her a little on the perimeter, it worked out for us."

The score going into the fourth quarter had Maryville ahead 33-28. Aggressive defense led to a steal for the 'Hound's Bobbi Austin and a basket to bring to score to 39-35. The Bulldogs would come no closer and were forced into a full court press in the last minute of the game.

After South Harrison committed five fouls to put themselves in the bonus, Maryville's Stoll went to the free throw line to shoot a one-and-one. She made the first and the Bulldogs called a time out. Stoll missed her second attempt, but South Harrison could not score in the final 18 seconds and Maryville prevailed 42-38.

"It's good to get the first win under our belts," Wolfer said.

The Maryville girls next play at 5 p.m. tonight at LeBlond, and December 12-16 at the Nodaway County Tournament.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Senior defensive end Dave Tollefson was named an All-American Monday by the American Football Coaches Association.

Tollefson was named a defense All-American. The native of Concord, Calif., has 12.5 sacks on the season, a school record. He has 21 in his career.

MEN: Bearcats fall to No. 12 Wolves

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Northern State shot 42 percent from behind the three-point line while Northwest shot 33 percent on six of 18 shooting from behind the arc.

"I think (Northern State's defense) bothered us a lot early and when we got open shots later on we weren't able to hit them," Tappmeyer said.

The 'Cats don't play again until 7 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena in an exhibition game against Livin' the Dream. Their next regular season game isn't until 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Incarnate Word Classic in San Antonio, Texas. They will play Texas A&M-Kingsville Friday and Dallas Christian 6 p.m. the next night.

"We can't just take time off and expect to get better. We got to get on the floor and get better at a lot of things," Tappmeyer said. "It's probably a good time for some time off because we'll take it to an exhibition game where we can try some different things."

Runners set for first meet

By Brett Barger
Staff Writer

The Northwest women's track team enters the 2006 season on a mission for success. They open the season Dec. 9 at the Iowa State Holiday Open eager to start the season on a good note.

All-American Alisha Samuel leads the Bearcats. Samuel is the defending MIAA champion in the 60M. Her performance last year earned her a trip to the National Championships where she placed 8th.

Samuel, a senior from San Juan, Trinidad, likes the look of this year's team.

"I think we have a strong team in that we have a lot of people," she said. "Going into the first meet at Ames, Iowa, we have more entrants. If we are all healthy and stay strong, we can challenge for the MIAA championship."

Also returning is Audrey Bailey, who was an All-Conference selection as a freshman.

Northwest coach Scott Lorek sees a lot of potential in his team.

"We are extremely young. That's a great thing, but at the same time it makes us an unknown caliber," he said. "The team had a great fall training wise. We are looking forward to our first meet at Iowa State this weekend."

Lorek, who is in his second year at Northwest, sees the MIAA this year as a tough and competitive league.

"The thing about the MIAA is that it is very balanced. In our league, certainly Central Missouri is a top notch team," he said. "After Central Missouri, it's really kind of a mystery, but I do know it's a very tough league."

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Passenger shot by air marshall after bomb claim

By John Pain
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — An agitated passenger who claimed to have a bomb in his backpack was shot and killed by a federal air marshal Wednesday after he bolted frantically from a jetliner that was boarding for takeoff, officials said. No bomb was found.

It was the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks that an air marshal had shot at anyone, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Doyle said. Another federal official said there was no apparent

link to terrorism.

According to a witness, the passenger ran down the aisle of the Boeing 757, flailing his arms, while his wife tried to explain that he was mentally ill and had not taken his medication.

The passenger, identified as Rigoberto Alpizar, indicated there was a bomb in his bag and was confronted by air marshals but ran off the aircraft, Doyle said. The marshals went after him and ordered him to get down on the ground, but he did not comply and was shot when he apparently reached into

the bag, Doyle said.

Alpizar, a 44-year-old U.S. citizen, was gunned down on a jetway outside the American Airlines plane, which was parked at a gate at Miami International Airport. Alpizar had arrived earlier in the day from Quito, Ecuador, and Flight 924 was going to Orlando, near his home in Maitland.

Relatives said Alpizar had been on a working vacation in Peru. A neighbor who said he had been asked to watch the couple's home described the vacation as a missionary trip.

"We're all still in shock. We're just speechless," a sister-in-law, Kelley Beuchner, said by telephone from her home in Milwaukee.

Flight 924 had arrived in Miami just after noon, and the shooting occurred shortly after 2 p.m. as the plane was about to take off for Orlando with the man and 119 other passengers and crew, American spokesman Tim Wagner said.

After the shooting, investigators spread passengers' bags on the tarmac and let dogs sniff them for explosives, and bomb squad mem-

bers blew up at least two bags.

No bomb was found, said James E. Bauer, agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshals field office in Miami. He said there was no reason to believe there was any connection to terrorists.

The concourse where the shooting took place was shut down for a half-hour, but the rest of the airport continued operating, officials said.

Federal officials declined to say how many times Alpizar was shot, or reveal how many air marshals were on the plane.

FEASTE: Large crowd expected

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another century, according to Lanier.

"To prepare for an event of this magnitude involves scores of people," Lanier said. "The success of the Feaste depends upon many folks doing their jobs well."

Each year the event is coordinated by the King, Dave Oehler, director of assessment, information and analysis, will preside over the event as King for the third year in a row. Erin Oehler, art instructor at Horace Mann Laboratory school, will serve as Queen.

"This event allows people in the region to partake of a tradition, to spend a night out which includes a little humor, excellent music and food and an opportunity to get into the holiday mood," Dave said. "It has a flavor of a historical multiculturalism, although it is not slavishly tied to historical accuracy."

The Feaste begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Tickets cost \$24.95 per person and can be purchased at the Music Department Office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Tickets may be ordered on the phone at 660-562-1315 using a University account, Aladine account, Master Card or VISA.

MILITARY: Army handles tough questions

other students are exposed to the presence of the media, and it is good to step out of the comfort zone.

He said taking students out of their comfort level only prepares them for what is ahead.

"We are really good at the Army at this point, the problem is we're not good at outside the Army sort of stuff," Meyer said. "He (McWethy) interacts with us in ways we're not used to. We're not used to folks openly questioning what we say. It's representative of a world we're going to enter when we leave here."

Part of the program also involves embedding student journalist into the exercise with the student officers. McWethy said it is good exposure for not just the officers but the student journalist as well.

"They are helping season these young officers," McWethy said. "By experiencing a young, curious and respectful journalist (student) in a safe environment, hopefully the officers will be more willing to engage with all journalist out in the field."

Bus driver kills 3, faces charges

(AP) The bus driver in an accident that killed three construction workers was issued a speeding ticket and faces two misdemeanor charges, state police said.

Robert Smith, 58, of Ozark, Mo., was set for a Dec. 14 arraignment on the charges of having inadequate brakes and not maintaining his driver's log book. If convicted, he could receive up to a year in jail.

"These are the most serious charges the evidence supports," Broome County District Attorney Gerald Mollen said.

Smith was driving a group from Central Bible College May 20 on Interstate 81 near Binghamton when the bus crashed in a work zone, killing three Economy Paving Co. employees. Smith was seriously injured. State police found the bus was traveling at least 60 mph when Smith swerved to avoid stopped traffic.

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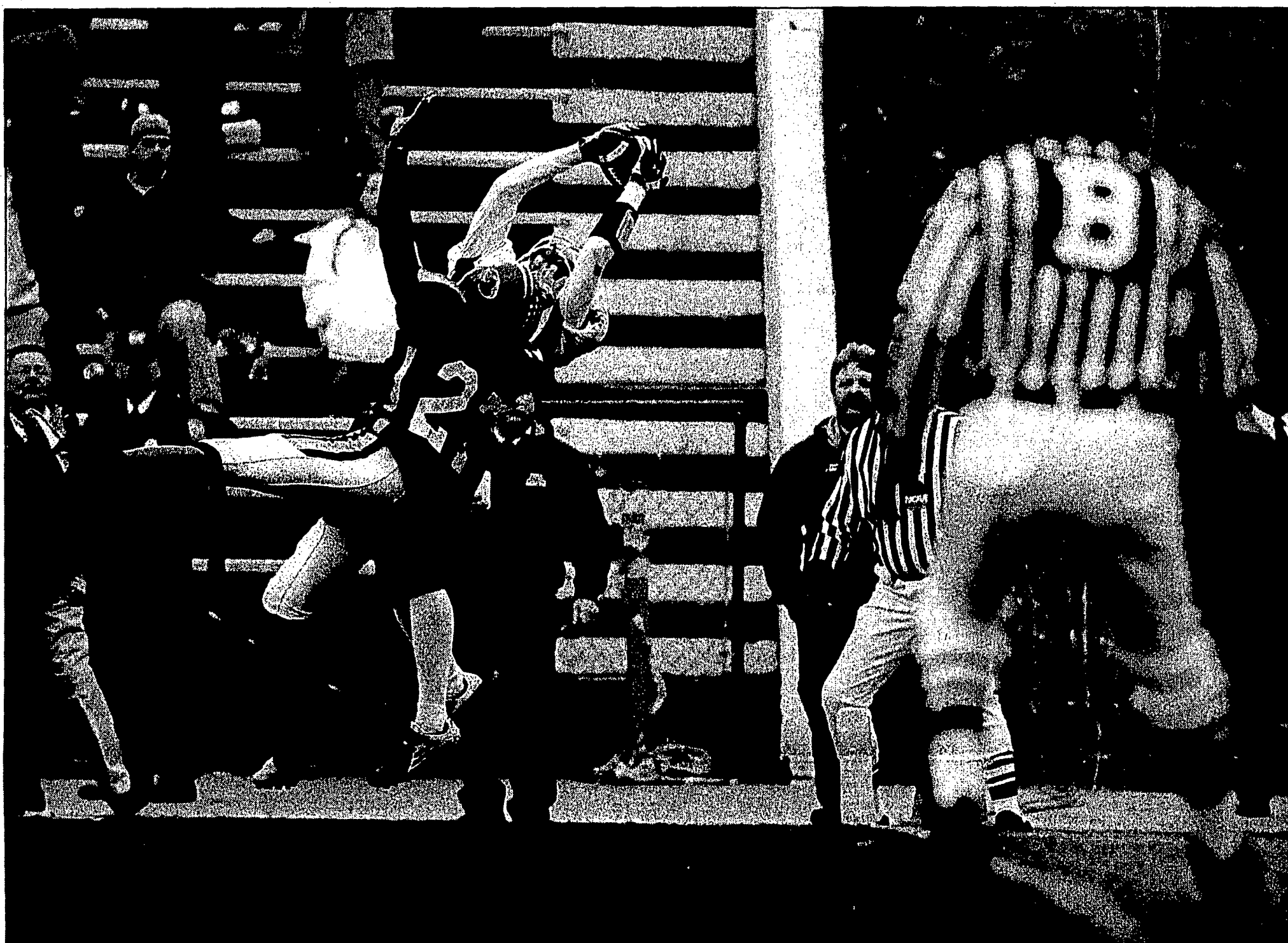


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RAPHAEL ROBINSON hauls in the game-winning catch last Saturday at North Alabama. The Bearcats defeated the Lions 25-24 in the Division II National Semifinals.

A team of destiny

Who would have thought it?

A trip to the National Championship for a team with three losses and the last seed in the Southwest region appeared to be the most unlikely of occurrences.

Was the trip improbable? Yes, but as the Bearcats have proven, the scenario certainly wasn't impossible.

After setting an NCAA record with four playoff wins on the road, the 'Cats now take aim at an even bigger feat: The Division II National Championship.

All that lies between Northwest and a ring is Grand Valley State.

The Lakers hold the No.1 ranking in the nation and are riding a perfect 12-0 record.

Now a group of men dressed in green and white have a chance to finish what they started on a late August night in Mankato, Minn.



The road to Alabama

Call them road warriors. The Bearcats have picked up four wins, all on the road, to give them an NCAA record four-consecutive road playoff wins.

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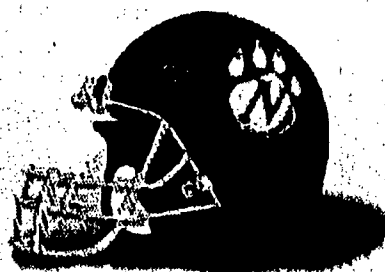
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Next Week

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Bearcats hope to end Lakers' dream season

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

The road for the Grand Valley State University football team to the National Championship differed greatly from the journey the Northwest football team had to encounter.

For the Bearcats there were bumps, there were bruises, but they now have made it to their ultimate goal: the title game.

For Grand Valley State, however, the road hasn't been as rocky. The squad has won every game this season and now looks to cap off a perfect season with a victory in the National Championship game.

So, when the two teams play Saturday at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala., for the Division II National Championship something will have to give.

Florence is nothing new for the Lakers. They have been to the National Championship game in four of the past five years, winning it in 2002 and 2003.

"Our goal every year is to win every game," Grand Valley defensive back Joe Ballard said.

Since 1998, there have been only two years in which neither Grand Valley or

Northwest has been in the title game.

This year, however, has been a different story.

Unlike Northwest, Grand Valley State has played every playoff game at home. Its most recent victory coming last Saturday in the semifinals against East Stroudsburg. The Lakers won the game 55-20.

East Stroudsburg was 11-2 going into the game and were ranked 17th in the nation. However, East Stroudsburg could not stop Grand Valley State as they scored 34 first quarter points.

Ballard said they don't try to overlook any teams, they even go a step farther.

"We don't look over teams," he said. "We even try to figure out what classes they are taking."

Ballard and the Lakers defense might not be able to find out what classes the Bearcat players take but they do hope to continue to play good defense.

The Lakers have only given up 11.8 points per game this season and the secondary has 15 interceptions. Defensive end Michael McFadden comes in to the game with 18 sacks.

"Obviously they're very good on defense. I think that without a doubt that's the strength of their team, that's

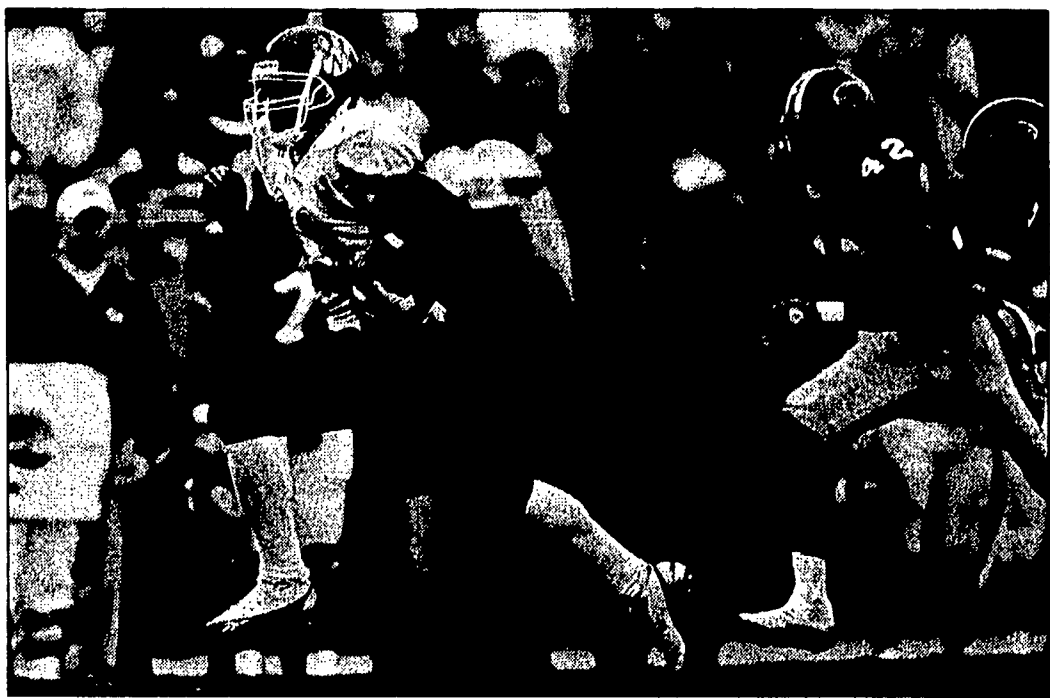
the focus of their team," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "... They're a very confident team, they should be they've been there four out of the last five years. We're going to have to be well prepared to play a very good game to compete with them."

Last week, North Alabama got inside the 20-yard line three times and only got a field goal out of it. It allowed Northwest to hang around. Grand Valley State players said that they aren't worried about execution difficulties.

"When we get inside the red zone we have the killer look in our eyes," offensive tackle Josh Burke said.

Grand Valley State's offense is led by quarterback Cullen Finnerty. Finnerty only averages 190 passing yards per game but has thrown just five interceptions on the season. Astin Martin leads the way on the ground with 106 rushing yards per game and averages 5.5 yards per carry. However, the big threat for the Lakers offense is wide receiver/kick returner Brandon Langston, who has a total of 11 touchdowns on the season, eight through the air.

"If you don't stop the run then you are going to get beat by the pass because they'll keep hammering away with the run then they'll throw a



XAVIER OMON runs by a North Alabama defender on his way to a 67-yard touchdown. Omon and the Bearcats hope to break through a Grand Valley State defense that allows 12 points a game.

play-action and catch you coming off the run," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it's critical for us to stop the run."

As for the ever important special teams, fullback/punter Mitch Herring is coming off his first collegiate punting performance. Besides a bad snap and a blocked punt, Herring averaged 44 yards per punt. Tjeerdsma again thinks it will have an impact in the game.

"I think the key to the special teams is don't make

a mistake on special teams because either can take advantage if you make a mistake," Tjeerdsma said. "Langston's very good and their kicker is real solid so they're just real solid."

Though the two teams have their differences, Northwest players think that the adversity they have dealt with throughout the 2005 season might give them an edge.

"It has really helped us out and come together a lot the fact that we know we

are beatable," Herring said. "That's one thing Grand Valley (hasn't been through), they haven't lost a game this year. I know they've been down a couple times but they haven't been through near as much adversity as us. Us losing players, us losing games, being down in the fourth quarter, coming back and winning—anything that you've had, that's been thrown at us, we've dealt with it. I really feel like that's going to be our advantage on Saturday."

The two teams by the numbers

4

The number of Northwest road playoff wins. It is a single season Division II record.

7

The number of National title game appearances between the two teams in the last eight seasons.

18

The number of sacks this season by Grand Valley defensive end Michael McFadden.

22

The amount of text messages Raphael Robinson had approximately 30 minutes after Saturday's game.

23

The combined number of wins between Grand Valley and Northwest this season.

44

The number of yards Mitch Herring averaged per punt in his punting debut Saturday.

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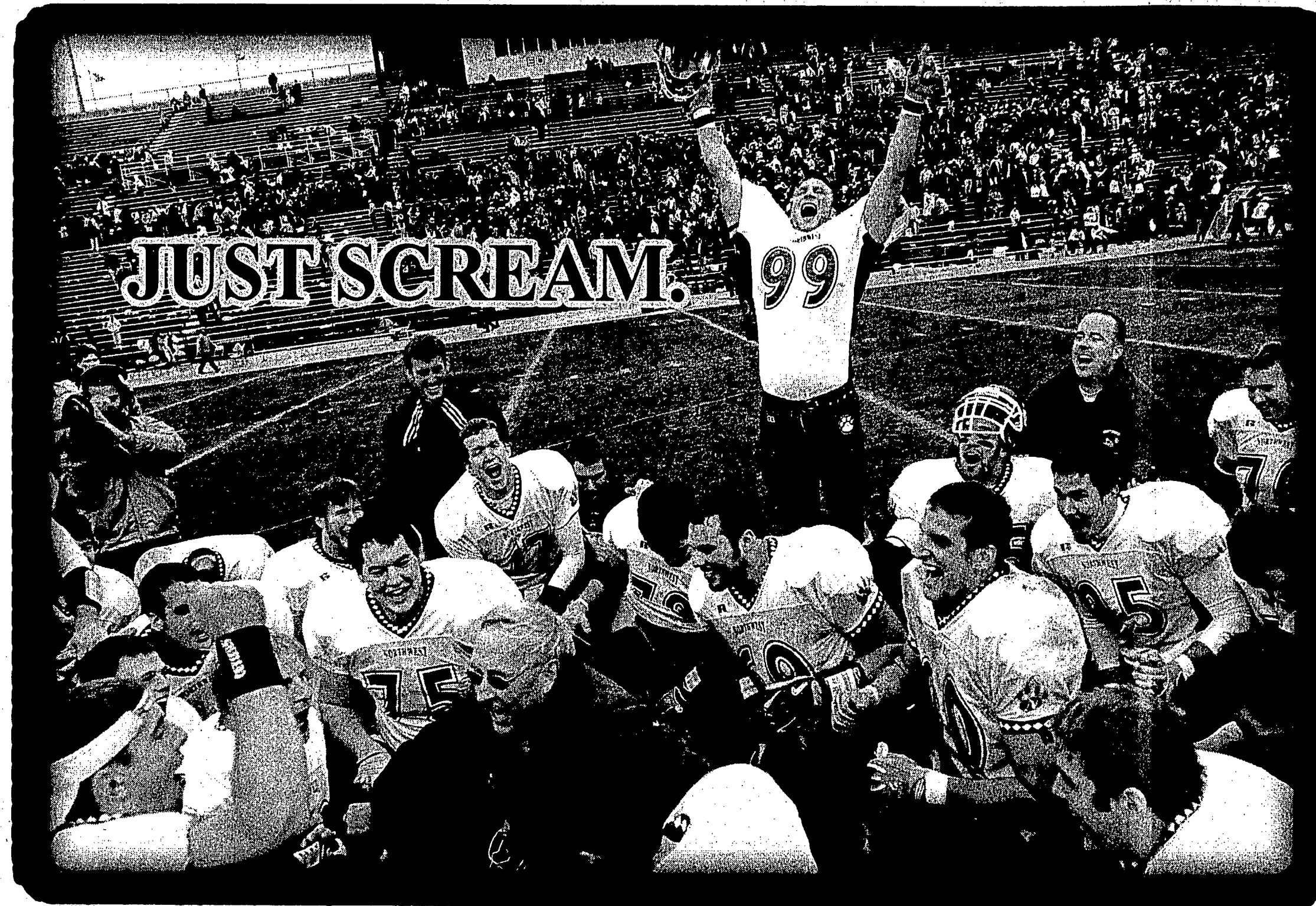
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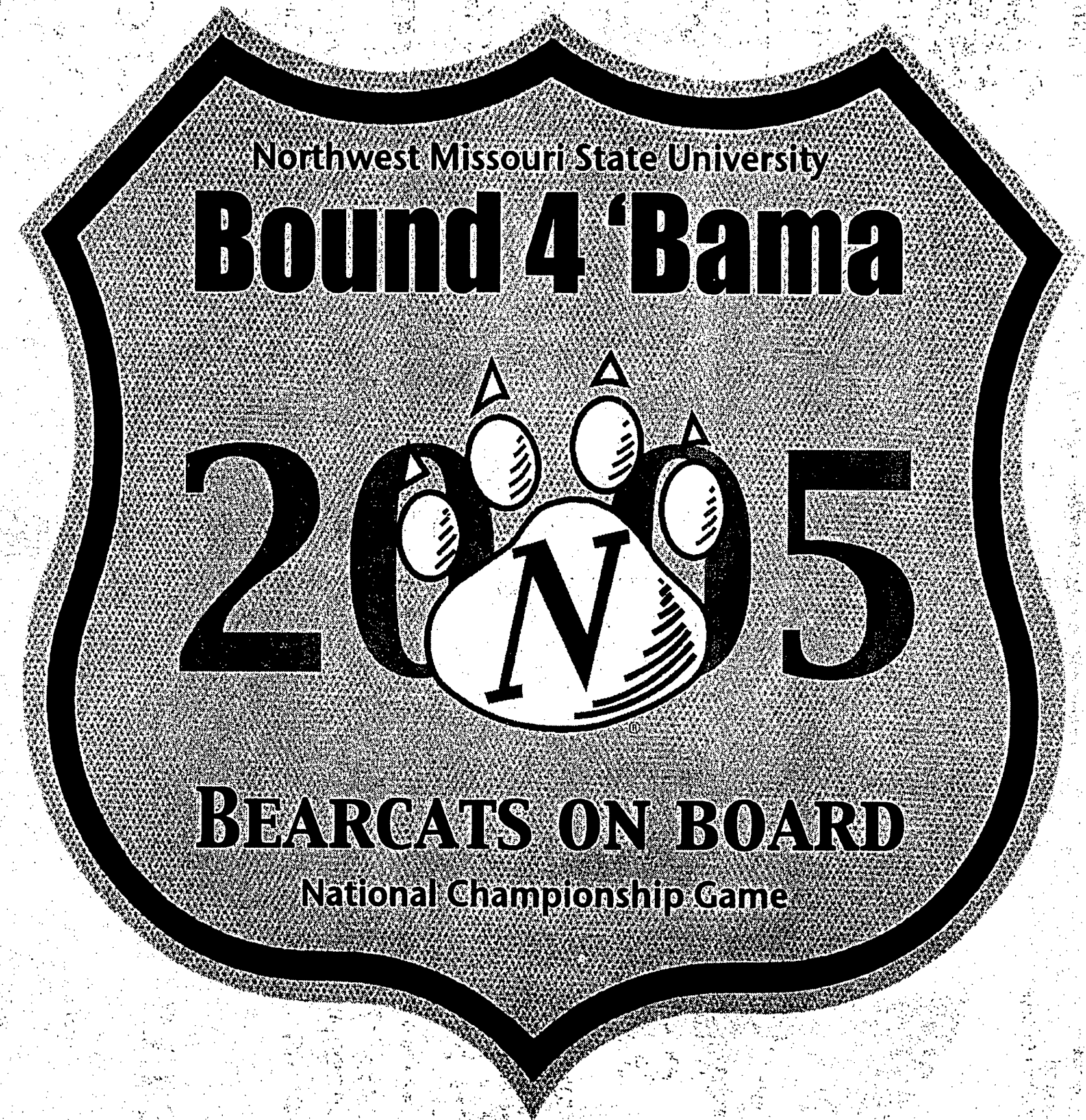
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Senior's last season filled with highs and lows

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Saturday's semifinal game against North Alabama was a smaller version of the 2005 season for Northwest quarterback Josh Lamberson.

Lamberson threw two interceptions, fumbled once. Two of the turnovers led to touchdowns.

But just as Lamberson has rebounded this season since his season-ending hip injury last year, the senior battled back.

Down seven points and driving deep into North Alabama territory, Lamberson zipped a pass into the end zone. Unfortunately for Lamberson and the 'Cats he threw into double coverage as the Lions Blake Farris intercepted it with 2:50 left in the game.

However, Lamberson got one more chance and, as Northwest fans all know now, he took advantage. The native of Wilbur, Neb., connected with wide receiver Raphael Robinson over Farris with 23 seconds remaining.

"Without a doubt it was a microcosm of the season," Lamberson said. "We had a lot of bad things happen to us. We dug ourselves in a hole a lot of times, too. After each bad thing that happened to us, we were able to some how find a way, bounce back and have a little resiliency and overcome that."

It has been that kind of season for Lamberson. It hasn't been the smoothest or easiest journey but in the end Lamberson has been able to hold his head high.

"Without a doubt it's



JOSH LAMBERSON has gone through a whirlwind season on the way to the National Championship. The senior is back this season after last year was cut short by a hip injury.

going to be a season I'll never forget," Lamberson said. "... Up to this point I think it's been one of those things where it's a dream season and I'm waiting for some one to pinch me in a week off."

When Lamberson went off on a stretcher 13 months ago, the question wasn't when Lamberson would be able to play again but when, or if, he would ever be able to walk again.

After undergoing successful surgery, Lamberson rehabbed in the offseason and did drills without pads in spring practices.

"The entire coaching staff has been unbelievable through this whole process and the athletic training staff," Lamberson said. "Everybody's been so supportive I don't

think I can imagine a better situation than what I've had from coming back from an injury like that."

Then came Aug. 25, Lamberson's first game back since the injury. After Lamberson took a hit early in the game and got back up alright, everyone released a sigh of relief.

But for Lamberson it was only the beginning. The "perfectionist" struggled to find his groove early on. After an interception that ended a late rally against Nebraska-Omaha, Lamberson battled to get back to his caliber of old before the injury.

Then against rival Missouri Western, who he had been injured against the past two seasons, things started to click. He threw for 242 yards

on 21-of-30 passing and three touchdowns.

Two weeks later he faced adversity again. Lamberson threw two interceptions and took a big sack late in the game in a loss to Washburn.

Another two weeks later, in the Homecoming game, Lamberson was back on top again as he threw for a career high 378 passing yards and three touchdowns. He was named the MVP of the game a few days after being named the Homecoming King.

"It's just been a gradual improvement for him," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "... He has not played badly anytime this year. I can't go back and say 'Well, Josh really played poorly in this game.' I think he's just gotten better each

week."

He then suffered through the 56-35 loss to Pittsburg State in which the quarterback tried all he could to get his team to rally back.

From there Lamberson has led his team to five straight victories, four coming on the road. He has only thrown three interceptions during that stretch. His teammates and coaches can see the difference as the season has gone along.

"He's confident in himself physically, he's confident in what he's doing and he's confident in his teammates," Tjeerdsma said.

During this season, Lamberson has left his mark in the Northwest record books. He has set the school's career record in total offense (7,749), completion percentage (65.8) and completions (542).

The two-year captain says he will see something to take away from this long and memorable season.

"The one thing I would take from this season to never say die, never say never. Because there has been a lot of times this season where we could have," he said. "A lot of individuals on this team could have sacked the bats and said the 'Heck with it and we're going to focus on next season.' And nobody ever did that, the coaching staff never did that. They never gave up and they never said 'You guys are worthless and you're not going to go anywhere.'"

"And for that I'm very thankful. I would say that's what I am going to take with me—from now until the day that I die—is how we never gave up on each other or ourselves."

The numbers on Lambo

378

Passing yards Lamberson accumulated during the Homecoming game against Central Missouri State this year.

152

The passing efficiency rating for Lamberson this season. The rating is an equation of several passing factors.

32

Passing touchdowns for Lamberson in the 2005 season.

3,433

Total yards Lamberson has accumulated this season. He became the school's all-time leader in total offense.

52

Longest rush of the season for the quarterback in the 2004 season. His longest rush this season has been 32.

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Love the key for Holden

By Cole Young
Editor in Chief

Take a good look at Keith Holden and it is easy to see this isn't a typical offensive lineman.

His face doesn't have an all-business look to it, instead a grin permanently resides there.

That smile says a lot about Holden, a senior offensive guard from Carbondale, Ill.

Instead of a rough-and-tough demeanor, Holden would rather, as he puts it, "show the love."

The 300-pound lineman has become one of the emotional leaders on a team that finds itself playing for the NCAA Division II National Championship this Saturday.

"My role is to show love," Holden said. "I've got so much love for all my teammates. I've touched, shaken and hugged all of my coaches. (The love) goes through everyone. It is a chain reaction."

Holden said whenever a player makes a mistake on the field, he tries to be there to offer words of encouragement.

"Doing that is how we stick together," he said.

Now, several members of the team may look to Holden for a little bit of advice.

Holden wears a national championship ring on his finger from the National Junior College championship.



KEITH HOLDEN (center) celebrates with teammates Syd Brisbane and Dustin Conard following the win Saturday. Holden said one of the keys to the team's success is the love they show.

He played tight end for Joliet (Ill.) Junior College.

That's quite a change from blocking as a guard on the offensive line.

"The only difference to me is that I'm not catching passes anymore. I still put people on their back just like I did in juco, but now it is in Division II," he said.

Holden will be the first to admit things are completely different playing for the Division II title compared to the Junior College title.

"I would say the big difference is very obvious. We are going to be playing on ESPN. When we played on Junior College we were on television but not on ESPN. We will be in front of pretty much the whole world to see us play on ESPN," he said.

Of course that means the whole world can see mistakes as well.

During the second half of the North Alabama game, Holden picked up a blitz, however a defender sacked

Josh Lamberson after coming through Holden's side of the line.

The ESPN commentators placed the blame on Holden, which he jokes about, saying even analyst can make mistakes.

That happy-go-lucky attitude is something that teammates have come to know Holden for.

"Keith is a character," center Jordan Wilcox said. "There is no one else on earth that is like him."

Broadcaster talks of magic returning

By Joe Ramsey
Bearcat Radio Network
Sideline Reporter

The magic has returned. Order has been restored to Bearcatland. Six years later, Northwest is back in the National Championship.

Many of us were not around for 1998 or 1999, but we know the legend. Six years ago at this time, Northwest Missouri State found itself in the national spotlight. The 1999 title game was an ESPN Instant Classic, and one of the greatest college football games ever played.

For some of us, that game is the reason we are part of this championship run. There is no question that the four-overtime thriller caught the attention of some people who had never heard of Northwest Missouri State. I can certainly say it played a factor in why I'm here now.

With another trip to Florence last Saturday, Raphael Robinson returned Northwest to the national spotlight. Just hearing the words "Northwest Missouri State" come out of the mouth of Chris Berman on ESPN is enough to make any Bearcat fan shiver.

Grand Valley State will be by far the best team Northwest has faced this season. The Lakers have been ranked No. 1 for most of the season, and they have yet to lose a game.

It is the Lakers defense that scares me the most. They only give up 12 points a game. It is not as though Grand Valley forces a lot of turnovers; they just flat out tackle and stop you from moving the ball.

The Bearcats do have some experience playing undefeated teams in the playoffs. Last year, Northwest was down in Pittsburg, Kan., playing the nation's top team on their own field. Pittsburg State players were kicking over benches and throwing water coolers because they weren't blowing a team out.

What can the Bearcats take away from that game? Northwest is going to have to stay point for point with the Lakers the entire game. Another historic comeback in the National Championship might be impossible.

If it is close at the end, then I say advantage Bearcats. Northwest has been in close games this season, and this team now knows what it feels like to come back in Florence. I just hope that the Bearcats are headed towards the north end zone in the fourth quarter.

Anyone who was there in 1999 or last Saturday can say there is just something magical about Florence, Ala.

The magic is back. Now it's just time to see if the Bearcats have enough magic to finish one of the greatest playoff runs in the history of college sports.

Phone calls, insanity stay alive with playoff victory

By Cole Young
Editor in Chief

What started as a dream has become reality — 3,760 miles later.

After four road wins, that covered the distance from Chicago to Los Angeles and back, Northwest finds itself playing in the Division II National Championship game.

For some, the thought of defeating North Alabama and moving on to face Grand Valley State happened almost instantaneously.

For others though, it took until early Sunday morning to realize exactly what had happened.

"Once I got up Sunday and hopped online and started reading about the game, then it

started to become real," safety Kelly Williams said.

From there though it was business as usual. He and linebacker Heath Finch headed to the Administration Building to buy tickets for their families.

"We usually get there about 5:45 or 6 in the morning," Williams said. "We rotate who brings the donuts."

The insanity has continued

throughout the week for most players. Phone calls have come from family and friends that span the nation.

"I've gotten calls from people I haven't talked to forever," center Jordan Wilcox said. "They all just wanted to wish us good luck."

Wilcox wasn't the only one who received phone calls. Several members of the previous

national championship teams have called players giving them an idea of the difference in this game.

"I had some former players call me and let me know what it is going to be like," wide receiver Andre Rector said. "They were just like 'things are so different in this game'."

One thing won't be differ-

ent about this game though, Northwest will still be wearing their away uniforms.

And they will get the chance to play in the same stadium two weeks in a row.

"It's nice to actually be here for a week and see the ropes and what is going on," quarterback Josh Lamberson said. "Hopefully we can call it home next week."

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Alumni rally around Bearcats

By Billy Burns
Copy Editor

The wave of excitement over the Northwest Bearcat football team's run to the national championship game has spread well beyond the borders of Maryville.

Alumni, both former players and former students, have expressed pride in the team's recent accomplishments.

An email hanging outside the 'Cats' locker room perfectly displays this phenomenon.

Mike Tiehen, who played defensive end for Northwest last season, emailed Coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the current players to congratulate them after beating Pittsburg State in the quarterfinals. Tiehen urged the players to cherish every moment and reminded them that he, and all former Bearcats, will be watching.

"Just remember, you guys are not only playing for yourselves, you are playing for all the teams that came before you as well," Tiehen wrote.

Milton Ploghoft, a 1949 graduate of Northwest, also expressed satisfaction with the team's dramatic run toward a national championship.

Ploghoft, the namesake of Northwest's Ploghoft Diversity Lecture series and a Professor Emeritus at Ohio University, believes the recent success is indicative of a broader trend at the University.

"The excellence on the national football scene brings a bright spotlight of national attention to the entire University which illuminates its many accomplishments in service to the students, families and communities that it serves," Ploghoft said. "And great pride to the alumni who have grown with the University."



ASHLEY ALBUS picks up a championship T-shirt from The Student Body for the National Championship game Saturday.

Stores profit off team's postseason success

By Riley Huskey
Special Sections Editor

While the Bearcats prepare for the game of the year, University and community apparel stores gear up for increased sales and foot traffic.

From hats, jackets and sweatshirts, to T-shirts, pennants and flags, area stores are hoping for a win.

"We have already upped production and we're taking our portable store to have at the tailgate area," said Jim Goeken, The Student Body's owner. "There may very well be 4,000 Northwest fans at the game, so we are, as always, working with what ifs."

Measuring store traffic by the 1998 and 1999 Championship games, Goeken said he could be looking at a double increase in sales.

Also getting ready for the Bearcat rush is the University Bookstore. Manager Scott Yocom said it can be difficult to plan and prepare for next week's possible sales when foot traffic in the store has already increased.

"It's been busy," Yocom said. "We've had a lot of business in the past week or so, and a lot of Internet shopping on the Web site. No need to worry, though—we have merchandise on order."

Yocom said the bookstore's most popular item this week was the white Northwest jerseys. Because the bookstore's apparel is made in Kansas City, should the 'Cats win Saturday, Yocom said T-shirts will be ready for purchase Monday.

"Hopefully, they'll win," Yocom said. "It's not only good for us, but the University as well. I think they can."

Goeken said The Student Body will also have apparel available Monday, but the bulk of the product will arrive no later than Wednesday—1,000 pieces in total.

"Without a doubt, we won a big game last week," Goeken said. "Whether you're a die-hard or the casual fan, don't be left out—start getting your gear now."

The Student Body released "Back to 'Bama" shirts and sweatshirts Monday evening and hope all is well for those attending the Championship game.

Robinson becomes an instant celebrity

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

When Raphael Robinson walked into Braly Municipal Stadium last Saturday he had no idea what was about to happen.

How could he know that in a matter of hours he would have microphones pushed in his face and reporters rushing around trying to figure out who "this kid" was?

How could he know that with 23 seconds left quarterback Josh Lamberson would throw a high lofting pass to the left corner of the end zone and he would come down with the ball and send his team to the National Championship?

After all Robinson hadn't had a touchdown catch all season. In fact it seemed as though Robinson wasn't even on Lamberson's radar when it came to pressure situations.

"We had ran the same play probably 10 or 15 times and every time Andre got the ball," Robinson said. "When I first saw the ball in the air I was shocked and after the shock wore off I was honored that he threw me the ball."

While the pass caught Robinson by surprise he says that the guy who threw him the ball saw it coming all along.

"I think he really is psychic," he said. "The first day of practice they asked everybody what their great-

est moment was and Lambo said it hasn't been made yet it's going to happen in Florence."

Lamberson sits back and laughs about it all now when he thinks about how it all played out and how No. 83 became the unlikely hero on a dark rainy Saturday.

"It's funny because he was the only one that didn't have a touchdown catch coming into last game," Lamberson said. "He had been complaining all year because he didn't have one and I told him that it's going to happen at the most crucial situation of the season and you're not even going to expect. We're going to call your number and you're going to get one."

"I saw him matched up in the end zone with their best corner, but he was on the wide side and he came down with a very acrobatic catch that's going to go down in Bearcat lore without a doubt."

The play earned Robinson and Lamberson the number seven slot on ESPN's plays of the week. Phone calls and text messages flooded the 19-year-old's phone, old friends and coaches congratulated him. While it's all exciting to him Robinson still remembers where he came from and doesn't care if people ever talk about him again as long as his team snags the national championship on Saturday.

"Being on ESPN was a dream come true," Robinson said. "When I came back from the press conference and looked at my phone I had 30 missed calls, 20 voicemails and 22 text messages. It's all nice, but honestly it doesn't matter to me who catches the ball on Saturday as long as we win."

When he looks back on the catch now Robinson is happy that he made the catch not just for himself, but for the team that he worked so hard with, preparing for this very moment.

"It's made everything worth while not just for me, but for the whole team," he said. "We were all here over the summer, there were people that we expected to be here that aren't here. We've really worked hard. I think we deserve it more than anybody."

While he says that he has dreamed of being in the very position he was in on Saturday Robinson didn't ever think about it really happening. Now that the moment has become nothing more than a memory, he can do nothing but think about it and smile.

"I could have never even imagined something like this," he said. "As a little kid you dream of making the game winning catch or the last second shot and to have that actually happen is unbelievable."

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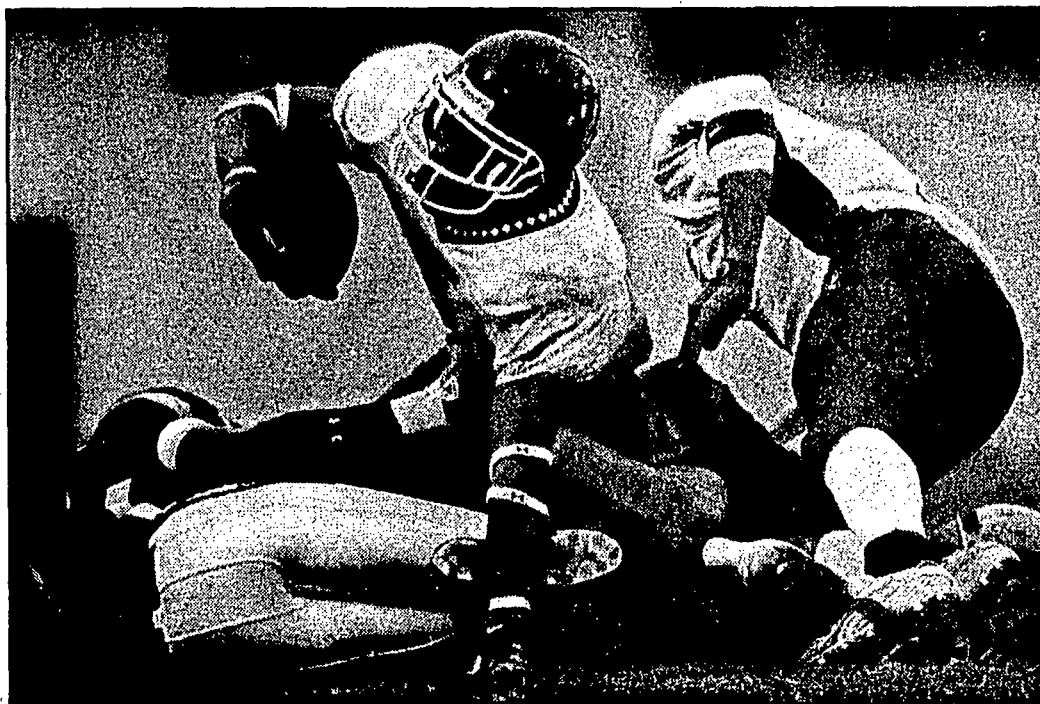
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ABOVE: Xavier Omon breaks free during the second half Saturday. Omon had a 67-yard touchdown in the 'Cats 25-24 victory.

E.J. FALKNER gets brought down Saturday by a North Alabama defender. Northwest faces Grand Valley State on Saturday for the National Championship.

Photos by Mike Dye



ABOVE: Andre Rector makes a move Saturday against a North Alabama defender. Rector had a 25-yard reception to set up the game winning score.



THE NORTHWEST defense forced the Lions to punt four times in the second half Saturday. Here Jared Fountain gets wrapped up while trying to elude a defender.

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